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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Public Affairs

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Responding to SALT-related Queries ☐

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1. David Aaron phoned me late in the afternoon on 20 April. They had had a phone call from ☐ saying he was going to do a major piece on an alleged compromise of ☐ ☐ He was going to allege that these have been compromised in connection with Boyce-Lee and that the Agency had failed to inform the White House about them. ☐

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2. I told him we were aware of ☐ activities in this area, and that his information was all pretty bad. ☐

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3. Aaron suggested he was going to have his Assistant Press Secretary make four statements in response:

a. We don't comment on intelligence matters;

b. All of the information necessary for SALT will be made available to the Senate;

c. All of the information on the Boyce-Lee case was briefed to appropriate officials; and

d. We are not going to debate distortions in the press which are simply stories that are an effort to attack SALT. ☐

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4. I told him I thought that was fine except that number 3.c. above contradicted number 3.a. above. Further, I assumed that the Agency had notified people appropriately in December 1976 when Boyce-Lee were uncovered. I didn't have specific data on that.

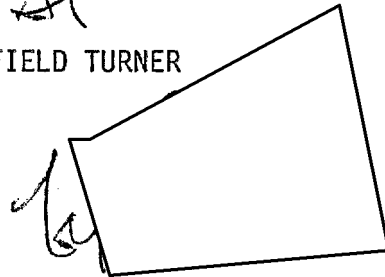


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5. Aaron said he'd go ahead with the other three comments.

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